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TAGS: MASS, SW

SUBJECT: SWEDISH AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
VEST ON VIGGEN

1. AMBASSADOR WACHTMEISTER, AT HIS REQUEST, CALLED ON
GEORGE VEST MARCH 22 TO DELIVER COPY OF MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN
MINISTER SODER TO SECRETARY VANCE URGING FAVORABLE AND EARLY
CONSIDERATION OF SWEDISH REQUEST TO EXPORT VIGGEN AIRCRAFT
TO INDIA. WACHTMEISTER SAID ORIGINAL HAD BEEN GIVEN TO PM
DIRECTOR GELB EARLIER IN DAY. DESCRIBING ISSUE AS THE MOST
IMPORTANT HE HAD DEALT WITH DURING HIS ASSIGNMENT TO WASH-
INGTON, WACHTMEISTER SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE VEST WAS
AWARE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE TO SWEDEN. HE THAN REVIEWED
STATUS OF VIGGEN CASE, MAKING SAME POINTS AS IN EARLY CON-
VERSATIONS WITH GELB REPORTED SEPTELS.

2. VEST EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE
TO SWEDEN, DEMONSTRATED BY THE FACT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER
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HAD DECIDED TO RAISE WITH SECRETARY VANCE. HE SAID HE HAD
DISCUSSED THE CASE WITH GELB, AND WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO
IT TO TRY TO OBTAIN AN EARLY US REPLY. HE CONTINUED, HOW-
EVER, THE REQUEST RAN COUNTER TO US POLICY OF ARMS EXPORT
RESTRAINT, WHICH WE WERE APPLYING VIGOROUSLY WITH REGARD TO
US PRODUCERS. THOUGH HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR IN DETAIL WITH ALL

THE FACTORS INVOLVED, VEST EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL VIEW THAT
THE PROSPECTS FOR A FAVORABLE RESPONSE DID NOT SEEM EN-
COURAGING. VANCE

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